

Zion National Park Vegetation Map Class for *Salix exigua* Shrubland Alliance

The map class "[Salix exigua Shrubland Alliance](#)" is composed of the following vegetation associations, each described separately:

- [Salix exigua / Barren Shrubland](#)
- [Salix exigua / Mesic Graminoids Shrubland](#)

Sandbar willow was common throughout the Park on sandy soils adjacent to streams and rivers. This particular map class was reserved for stands occurring in the middle and northern portions of the Park where it grew without seepwillow. In the south, particularly in Zion Canyon, sandbar willow usually occurred with seepwillow and was mapped using the Emory Seepwillow Shrubland designation. On the aerial photos, sandbar willow ranged from green to gray depending on amount of leaf cover. The location of this type on sandbars and sandy beaches helped locate and delineate it.